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Rumanian Troops in the Border Area near Uivar.

1. From the spring of 1951 to 17 June 1951, about 10 men wearing dark-green service color were located in Uivar (R 16/T 70) in a small, single-storied brick building, about 200 meters south of the town, on the highest hill of the area. A watchtower, over 5 meters high, equipped with a closed superstructure and constantly occupied by a man of the detachment, stood next to the building. The men were armed only with rifles. On 17 June 1951, 45 German and 10 Rumanian farms were vacated on a three-hour notice. Rumors said that the inhabitants involved were to be resettled in the Caracal (R 33/34/B 21) area. About 500 soldiers were billeted in the farms vacated. They were believed to have arrived by train from the direction of Timisoara (R 16/T 91). The men wore khaki blouses with dark-green epaulets, summer trousers, wrap puttees and laced shoes, and khaki garrison caps as headgear. The officers wore the same uniform and a khaki visor-type service cap with a dark-green band. When the troops arrived they were equipped with field packs, steel helmets and rifles. The men did the harvesting up to 10 July 1951. According to rumors circulating among the population, they were to leave after the completion of the harvesting.
2. Besides this unit, a militia unit of four officers and about 40 men, 12 of whom rode on horseback, were observed in the town up to 10 July 1951. They wore grayish blue blouses with red epaulets, trousers with wrap puttees and laced shoes and grayish blue caps with dark-red bands. The officers wore the same uniform with white aiguillettes. The officers carried pistols, the EM rifles. The militia unit was confined to police missions.
3. Between 17 June and 10 July 1951, an unusually great number of troop trains, the majority of which traveled toward the border, were observed on the single-track railroad line northwest of the town. Only limited train traffic had been observed prior to that period. All trains consisted exclusively of Rumanian troop transports. Neither tanks, guns, nor vehicles were observed. The limited train traffic prior to 17 June was believed to be in connection with the usual relief of the units employed along the border.

Soviet Troops in Timisoara.

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between the city and the suburb of Mehala. The men wore earth-brown uniforms with red epaulets and visor-type service caps or occasionally, garrison caps. At least 30 tanks of various types were arranged in rows on the meadow. About 10 heavy guns with long, thick barrels and bogie wheels and about 10 light guns on wheels were also seen from the moving train. All the guns were neatly lined up. From 20 to 30 trucks were also stored there. No tractors were seen. Intense training activities utilizing available trenches and field positions were observed on the meadows.

- 25X1 5. [ ] the so-called Jagdwald (hunting forest) northeast of the city was occupied by Soviet troops and tanks. It was also rumored that the former convent in the city constantly quartered Soviet troops. Observing the area of the city [ ] 25X1 [ ] noticed a great number of Soviet soldiers, but only a limited number of Rumanian men and officers. Almost all vehicles traveling through the streets were trucks of the Soviet Armed Forces.

#### Rumanian Troops in Timisoara.

6. Up to early June 1951, an old barracks installation in the city quartered a Rumanian unit, no details of which were specified. The installation consisted of one gray three-story building, 80 to 100 meters long, with a passage in the center. A sentry carrying a rifle stood guard in front of the passage.

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